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included). Send to YNL address in Goshen. (Most of this info is also  
available free at the YNL Homepage).

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### YODER'S COUNTRY STORE

An amusing anecdote. A few years ago, while we were in Ohio on a  
football trip, we went up to Holmes County. In Walnut Creek, we  
found the Yoder's Country Store. We bought over \$100 worth of stuff  
there. When I went to pay for it, I showed the clerk my VISA card,  
and asked her to check the name. The conversation then followed:

Dwight: Check the name on the card. I'm a Yoder.

Clerk: So?

Dwight: Well, can I get the Yoder discount?

Clerk: You're a Yoder. You know better than that. No  
discounts.

I got quite a laugh out of that answer. I hadn't realized we had such a  
reputation for being cheap. I'll attach a picture of the store.

- Dwight Yoder, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA



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### YODER VIDEO NOW AVAILABLE ON DVD

"PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH", the wonderful video which describes  
the Joder/Yoder history from Switzerland to America is now available  
on DVD as well as VHS video! Price for either is the same \$25 post  
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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WIFE IDENTIFIED FOR LAFAYETTE YODER (Con325)- I have  
not written to the newsletter for a long time but I am a great  
granddaughter of Lafayette Yoder (of the Conrad Yoder line) and I  
received a death certificate for his daughter Emily Kitory Evelyn  
Yoder Pounds. I thought this might be worthy of putting in the  
newsletter and hopefully maybe someone will be able to help us with  
some information. So here is what I have: Mrs. Emily Kitory Evelyn  
(Yoder) Pounds born April 17, 1874 in Iron County, MO. She  
married Alexander (Alex) Pounds in Steelville (this information I  
think is already on the Yoder site). She was a housewife. Now here is  
where it gets interesting. Her father' name was Marquis Lafayette  
Yhoder (as spelled on death certificate) His town or city of birth was  
unknown but the state is listed as Pennsylvannia (sic) USA. Emily's  
mother was listed as Persylia Caroline Murry born in Bellview Iron  
County, MO. The informant on the certificate is listed as Mrs. Ellen  
Heath (Emily's sister Sarah Ellen). Emily died Feb 10, 1925 in Butler  
County, MO near Neelyville. She died of Lobar pneumonia with a  
contributing diagnosis of Influenza. She was buried in Simms  
Cemetery, Neelyville on Feb 12, 1925.

----Pat Becker <[beckep@earthlink.net](mailto:beckep@earthlink.net)>

### WEST COAST YODERS NEED REPRESENTATION!

My husband is the son of Irvin Purt Yoder who is the oldest  
of thirteen children of Everert Yoder (Con2961), born around 1880 in  
Indiana, who settled in Oklahoma. This large family migrated to  
Calif. in the late 30's where there are now many Yoders.

It seems everything in the newsletter is centered in the  
middle and eastern part of the US. I'd like to see more about Yoders  
in the west. My middle son James Irvin Yoder is the Mayor of Willow,  
Ca. located about 85 miles north of Sacramento. He also holds the  
World Title and State Title in bench pressing for his age at 556  
pounds. He has held this title for the past two years.

-Karen Yoder, Cottonwood, Ca

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### FROM THE KARLSRUHLE ARCHIVES

From the list of Mennonite residents charged "Protection money" to  
be allowed to stay in the area is found:

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MuBbach

Andreas Jotter

The Jotter spelling is one found in the Eppstein area, but we do not  
know who this Andreas Jotter is.

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ORDER THE YODERS OF NC BOOK: The History of the Yoder  
Family in North Carolina by Dr. Fred Roy Yoder has been reprinted  
and is available once more!! Funds raised will be used to restore old  
Yoder gravestones and up-keep of cemeteries at Churches significant  
to the Yoder Family and the ancestors of the Author. Price \$25  
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Yoder Family in North Carolina, c/o: Bill Yoder, 2707 Zion Church  
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### NEW YNL PROCESS -- ANY COMMENTS?

Previous issues of the Yoder Newsletter have been "mocked up" on a  
paper master and mailed to the printer in Goshen. Electronic copies  
of the photos were emailed to the printer to make sure they had the  
highest quality to use when finalizing the print master. This issue is  
the result of a file prepared in "Microsoft Office Word" and emailed  
in digital form to the printer. Reader comments are welcome ( either  
positive or negative) to: [cyoder@tds.net](mailto:cyoder@tds.net) .

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who was the daughter of Peter Miller and Barbara Plank. He soon won her heart and they married in January 1846. They lived, and Stephen worked, on a farm owned by Joseph Stibbs - now part of Wooster, OH. They had two sons, Jeremiah (1847-1861) and John M. (1849-1933), before Katie fell ill and died suddenly in July of 1850.

Stephen soon bought a 36-acre farm in Edenburg (now Apple Creek) OH and, needing someone to fill his life and care for his children, he married Margaret Shoemaker (1831-1880), daughter near Port Royal, Mifflin Co., PA) of John



(Childhood home of Stephen Yoder

Shoemaker and Susanna Blocher. Their family grew with the births of Rufus A. (1853-1927), Stephen S. (1855-1937), Samuel E. (1857-1940), and Mary Ann (1858-1903). In 1848, he and his wife left the Amish church and joined the Church of the Brethren. In 1852, he was elected to the ministry.

In 1859, the family joined the Westward Migration by foot, covered wagon, and buggy, traveling 600 miles to Washington Co., IA where Stephen had purchased 120 acres of prairie land with 20 acres broken for farming. While they lived there, Emma J. (1861-1937), Joseph P. (1863-1950), Sara F. (1866-1955), Margaret (1868-1962), Harriet (1870-1957), and William A. (1873-1953) were born into the family. In 1863, Stephen helped found the first Brethren church in that county. Along with his farming, he preached in numerous churches in the area for many years and was instrumental in starting local elementary schools.

In 1861, first son Jeremiah accidentally drowned in a nearby river, breaking the hearts of his entire family. Margaret died in 1880, further saddening this closely knit group. Daughter Emma provided care for the younger children until, in 1883, Stephen married Sarah Erb Terwilliger. In 1891, they moved to Gage Co., NE where Sarah died about 1889. Since the children were then on their own, Stephen soon journeyed to Los Angeles, CA where he



(9 of 12 children of Stephen Yoder- Seated L to R: Rufus A., Joseph (#2), Samuel E., Standing, L to R: William A., Margaret, Mary Ann, Harriet, Sara F., Emma J. Missing are: Jeremiah, John M., and Stephen S.)

lived with his daughter Margaret and her family until his death July 22, 1908. He is remembered as a proclaimer of Jesus Christ, an able preacher, an earnest educator, and a loving son, husband, brother, and father.

One Yoder family line that passed from "The Widow Barbara" through Stephen extended as follows:

- YR2511g3 Rufus Alexander Yoder (1853-1927) & Anna Isabelle Wyland (1860-1940)
- YR2511g39 Paul Rufus Yoder (1899-1980) & Wave Irene Davis (1899-1993)
- YR2511g392 Paul Rufus Yoder, Jr. (1927- ) & Sara Elizabeth White (1925- )
- YR2511g3921 David Lee Yoder (1949- ) & Evelyn Ruth Boschen (1949-)
- YR2511g3924 Alan Dale Yoder (1960- ) & April Anne Faust (1958- ).



(L to R: Paul R., Wave I., Anna I., and Rufus A. Yoder  
Photo taken in Sabetha, KS ~ 1927)

Rufus A. and his first son, Paul R., followed in the footsteps of Stephen as active ministers in the Church of the Brethren. The last two entries in this list mark the end of this particular Yoder family line inasmuch as our sons were blessed only with daughters.



—Paul R. Yoder, Jr., 1220 Foxboro Drive, Norwalk, CT , 06851, [pryoder@optonline.net](mailto:pryoder@optonline.net) (Much of this information was derived from a privately distributed booklet entitled "Telefact" compiled in 1941 by Gertrude Angie Yoder, granddaughter of Stephen Yoder.)

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**NOAH YODER (YR23d3) FAMILY FOUND?**

AAMG shows that Noah Yoder and family were living in Elkhart Co., In. by 1860. Cemetery records on the internet from the Nyhart Cemetery (aka Nighthart Cemetery) located in Center Twp; Marshall Co, In show:

- ROW 9 -  
YODER, Lydia Dau of N. & L. Yoder, Died Dec 25, 1870, Aged 26y 2m 17d
- ROW 10 -  
YODER, Laomi Wife of Noah Yoder, Died Aug 19, 1886, Aged 69y 1m 21d
- YODER, Noah Died May 10, ?, Aged 30y 5m 9d
- YODER, Lizzie A. Born Jul 8, 1888, Died Jan 11, 1909

Thanks to Roberta Wunder for the readings and photos which were done in September 2005. They can be seen in full at :  
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~inmarsha/Nyhart/Nyhart.html>

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**“MOST RECENT COMMON ANCESTOR” DNA PROFILE:** By comparing the DNA profiles from the different families and “triangulating” in on the marker values which didn’t mutate, we can identify the profiles of the “Most Recent Common Ancestor” of most of the American Yoders. Tests from known descendants allow us to identify the profile for Caspar Joder of Steffisburg (b.1571). (See page 5 for results summaries, including a summary of our ancestral 67 marker profile)

**PROFILES IDENTIFIED FOR MAJOR YODER IMMIGRANTS:** By sampling two or more sons of each immigrant line, we have been able to identify the Y DNA profile for the immigrant himself. They all match exactly at 25 markers! (except for the first Yorty sample).

**UNIQUE MARKER FOR EARLY AMISH IMMIGRANTS:** For the 1742 Amish Yoders, we see that there is a unique pre-immigrant mutation at Marker 19- a value of “16” instead of the “15” shared by the other matching Yoders. This applies both within the children of YR2 Christian Yoder (c1700-1775), as well as those of YR1- (name not known) who “died at sea” and left a “Widow Barbara” as head of the family. The other 18<sup>th</sup> century unlinked Amish man Yost Yoder (YRB) also shares this mutation - implying that he was descended from a common ancestor as YR1 and YR2. C.Z. Yoder wrote in his 1932 book that when Yost’s son Christian married Magdalena Yoder (YR252) (granddaughter of YR2) “tradition has it that she was not related to Christian.” Results also show that YR25 descendants have a unique mutation at marker 389-2.

**PROFILES FOR MEMBERS OF CASPAR JODER FAMILY RULE OUT SOME AS AMISH PARENTS:** The speculated ancestry for the Amish Yoder line was discussed in an article by Rachel Kreider in YNL 11 and 12. We have at least one living male descendant tested in the families of five grandsons of Caspar Joder and Margret Hennig. For son Nicolaus, the Oley Valley Yoders identify the profile for his son Adam Joder. For son Jost, we have representation for his son Hans who married Katherine Ruesser, Christian who married Barbara Gerber, Caspar who married Verena Stauffer, and Jacob who married Margareth Stahl. The LDS “IGI” records have for years contained claims that YR1 and YR2 were sons of Christian Joder and Barbara Gerber.... our DNA testing rules this out! Also ruled out as a possible father of these folk is the Jacob who married Margareth Stahl. (Neither has the marker 19 value of “16”). Tests have come back with the “16” value from believed descendants of BOTH Jost’s sons Casper and Hans. More tests within these two families may bring some definite answers. 67 marker profiles are in process to look for unique patterns tied to specific lines.

**CONRAD YODER RESULTS SUPPORT ADAM YOTHER LINK:** In YNL 11 (Apr. 1988) we provided our conclusions that the Yother families of Georgia were the descendants of Conrad Yoder’s youngest son Adam (born 1785). Results from a 25 marker test on a descendant of Adam Yother (through Con 85- John D. Yother b. 1818) have substantiated this belief by matching exactly the Conrad Yoder Y DNA profile!!

**JORDY/JODER LINK ESTABLISHED:** There were many sons of the Nicolas and Jost Joder of Steffisburg, who seem to have left that town by 1700, and then “disappeared”. This has made us wonder for many years if they could be among the “Jodres” in the Palatinate, some of whom became Yordy or Yorty (like the former Los Angeles Mayor) or Yotty in the US. Some of these folk settled in Anabaptist communities in Germany and Alsace. Yordy/Jorde immigrants came to the US as early as 1717, while others arriving as Mennonites in the middle 19th century. The first test from this surname was a descendant of Peter Yordy b. c1812 in France, who came to Illinois in the mid 19th Century. He shows a 23 out of 25 marker match to the Swiss Joder profile! This degree of match, means “there is a 99.9% likelihood you have a common ancestor” with the Swiss Joders! A descendant of an 18<sup>th</sup> century Yordy in Lancaster Co., Pa. is now in testing.

**OLEY RESULTS SHOW SOME UNIQUE PROFILES:** Test results from descendants of immigrant Yost Yoder match the Steffisburg line, as does a sample from Hans Yoder’s grandson John who married to Sarah Shankle (OH11). Other samples have revealed different profiles entering the family. Three test results have been returned from descendants of John’s brother Samuel (OH13). Two of these are through his son George (OH132), and another through son Peter (OH133). The profiles match each other, but not ancient Swiss one. The indication is that Samuel himself (OH13) shared this profile, but was not the natural son of John Sr. (OH1). Another different profile is found for Isaac Yoder’s (OH1452) descendants, but we can not presently identify the generation in which it occurs.

**YETTER/YATER LINK:** The Samuel Yetter (b. c1760) family of Columbia Co., Pa was confirmed NOT to link with the Yoders, BUT to share an ancestor with Henry Yater (b. c1765 VA) who settled in Kentucky by 1792.

**WHAT NEXT:** More 67 marker profiles are in process. We are hoping to see unique markers which may allow us to tie an immigrant line to a particular Swiss branch.

**WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP? FUND SOME OF THE TESTS!** We are still looking to collect a sample in some of the lines, for example: Con6, YR14, YR16, YR17, YR26. We also would like to do fuller sampling among the 19<sup>th</sup> century Alsatian and German Yoder immigrants and among the Joders/Jotters who remain in the Old World. We can’t say “Thanks” enough to all those who dug deep into their own pockets to fund their tests or to contribute to the tests of others. The YNL has also funded/subsidized over \$1,000 worth of the testing to date. If you’d like to chip in to support future tests, such as ones to find the 67 marker profile for the Swiss Joder sons, you can do so by contributing on-line at: <http://www.familytreedna.com/contribution.html> or by mail to “The YODER PROJECT”.: Family Tree DNA, 1919 North Loop West, Suite 110 Houston, Texas 77008.

You can see the full spreadsheet and narrative summary of the most recent results from the testing at the links available on the Yoder Homepage at: [www.yodernewsletter.org](http://www.yodernewsletter.org).

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**DAUGHTER OF  
J. PETER YODER (M6) FOUND**

Information found by Carol M. Gilkison ([Cmagic@aol.com](mailto:Cmagic@aol.com)) has identified another member of the family of Melchior Yoder's son J. Peter Yoder (M6). Peter was born in 1780 in Philadelphia County, and died in 1856. An obituary, written by her brother Calvin H. Yoder, reports that Mrs. A. E. (Elvira) Parsons, widow of Henry Parsons, was born in Juniata Co., Pa on Mar. 1, 1830 and died at her home in Willow Hills Twp, Jasper Co., Ill on Jun. 16, 1914. She was buried at the Miller Cemetery.

**FAMILY OF STEWART YODER**



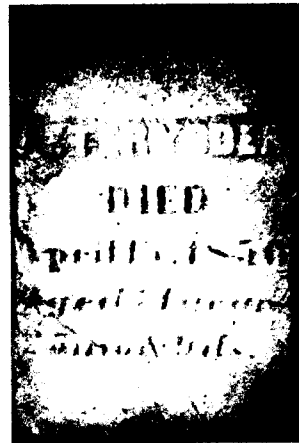
BACK ROW: JOE (1899), EVERETT (1888), IRA (1903), EMMETT (1906), HORACE CLEVELAND (1886); FRONT ROW: RUTH (1897), MACK HENRY (1884), JENNIE (MRS. STEWART), STEWART, MAE (1893), AND ROY (1890)

Thanks to Phil Arden Yoder Jr of Thawville, IL for these circa 1921 photos of the family of Stewart L. Yoder (M661) (1859-1954) of St. Anne, Kankakee Co., Ill. Stewart was the son of Calvin H. Yoder whose sister is identified above. One of his descendants is among the current day Yoders who have participated in the Yoder DNA Project.



JENNIE AND STEWART WITH KIDS AND GRANDKIDS

Calvin was a son of Melchior Yoder son J. Peter Yoder (M6). Calvin moved to Green County, Ind. by 1863 and was in Jasper Co, Ill. by 1879. J. Peter died 15 April 1856 and is interred in the Emmanuel Lutheran Cemetery, Thompsontown, Juniata County, PA. Phil also provided the photos of J. Peter's gravestone and of Stewart Yoder's brother Harry (1861-1928) below.



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**AN UPDATE ON OUR CHAMPION  
CHICKEN FARMER**

In YNL22 we featured "ALBERT YODER, WESTERN PIONEER AND CHAMPION CHICKEN FARMER". Albert (YR235683) lived from 1868 to 1955. His grandson Allan Yoder has shared one of his marketing brochures which is of both historical and literary interest. We are pleased to present a few extracts below:



**THE BROWN LEGHORN**

Mary had a little hen, Upon her little farm,  
Against the wolf before the door It proved to be her charm.  
Each day it lay a little egg, Which Mary sold in town,  
And thus she brought her groceries, And now and then a gown.  
The years passed, and Mary paid The little mortgage due,  
And sent her girl to boarding school, Her boy to college too.  
She has a nest egg in the bank, And even keeps a cook,  
And everything about her has A thrifty, well-kept look.  
Says she, to those who daily fail With needle, brush and pen"  
"If you would do as well as I, Just keep a Leghorn hen."

ALBERT YODER, Beloit, Ohio, The Brown Leghorn Specialist.

Rose and Single Comb Bred to Lay Eggs and Win Prizes.

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**DO ALL THE YODERS ON YOUR CHRISTMAS LIST GET  
THE YODER NEWSLETTER?**

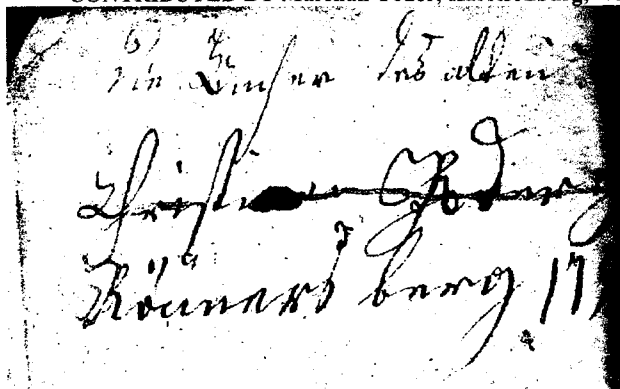
\*\*\*\*\*Queries\*\*\*\*\*

The YNL will publish Yoder related inquiries or exchanges at no charge. Please limit as possible to include a full return address. All inquiries are checked against our records to see if we can help too. If you receive added info, please share it with the YNL for our files. Send Queries to: Chris Yoder, 551 S. Maple St., Saugatuck, MI 49453 or email at [cyoder@tds.net](mailto:cyoder@tds.net).

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WHO WAS HANNAH YOTTER (1802 - 1897) wife of Michael Walborn (b. 1793 Frederickburg, Lebanon, Pa - died c1853 Lebanon Co, Pa) - If you can identify this lady and her family, please notify Chris Yoder at [cyoder@tds.net](mailto:cyoder@tds.net) or by mail at: 551 S. Maple St., Saugatuck, MI 49453.  
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### OLD YODER BIBLE BROUGHT TO U.S. BY ELIZABETH SCHLABACH

-CONTRIBUTED BY Marshall Yoder, Harrisonburg, VA



A recent translation of an old Bible shows its origins in the family of Samuel Yoder (YRC). Samuel Joder was a Bishop of the Amish Mennonite Church and lived in Waldeckerland, Sanhof, and Ramersberg. It was from the village of Ramersberg that he wrote the February 19, 1806 letter to his "dear cousin" "Schweitzer Christian" (YR23) Yoder in America. It is interesting to see that when Samuel's children went to the US almost 20 years later, they first settled in Somerset County, Pa., where children of "Schweitzer Christian" still lived.

In any event, this particular Bible came through Elizabeth Schlabach Yoder who was married to Moses H. Yoder (YR25149). Elizabeth was the granddaughter of John Schlabach (SBC in AAMG) who was born about 1774 in Europe and married Catherine Yoder (YRC4), daughter of Samuel Joder (YRC 1740-1806) and sister of Michel Yoder (1825 immigrant to the US).

The Bible is small and was probably of the type that was used on a regular basis because of its size. There is a considerable amount of script in the front of the Bible on its first six pages. This script is now antiquated, having been phased out by the German government in the 1920's. The script is difficult to read in places and the translations below are approximate. However, the Bible does seem to indicate various owners of the Bible during its early years.

On page 2 of the Bible, there is written the following:

*This Bible belongs to Jacob Yoder on the farm. This page is written to the son as a memorandum to him on December 22, 1787.*

Samuel Yoder's son, Jacob (1769 - 1839) was the oldest of eight children (and the brother of Catherine) and died single in Germany.

On page 2 of the Bible, it is signed "Johannes Schlabach given to him by Jacob Joder 1817". In addition, the name "Christian Joder" appears but is crossed out followed by the

notation "Raumersberg 1799". Jacob Yoder's younger brother Christian (7<sup>th</sup> born of Samuel) appears to have died around this time as a youth of 14. Is this a notation that the Bible belonged to Christian at one point or just a notation of his passing? Whatever the answer, we do know that Jacob remained single and by 1817 was 48 and that he never left Germany.

The Johannes Schlabach (SBC) to whom the Bible was given was probably the husband of Catherine Yoder and the brother-in-law of Jacob Yoder. Johannes died on Oct. 15, 1822 and his widow Catherine and children John and Barbara came to the United States immigrating on the ship JUNO which landed Nov. 14, 1831 in New York. They probably brought the Bible with them and Johannes Jr. married Susanna Nisley, probably in Somerset County, Pa. sometime before 1835. Elizabeth Schlabach was the ninth of his twelve children and the Bible has been passed down through her family. The Bible contains other script which reads:

*Lust und Liebe zum ....  
Damit Kann men die Zeith veitreiben  
Lust und Liebe zum ... (dinge?)  
Macht alle Muh und Aibeit geringe*

Loosely translated, this means:

*Pleasure and love for writing, with that you can spend the time.*

*Pleasure and love for singing? Makes all the pain and effort smaller.*

Who was this writer? We don't know but at least some of the writing appears under the name of Johannes Schlabach. A further clue comes from an even earlier Bible of 1598 that also came through the Samuel Yoder family that contains an almost identical verse. As detailed in the *Yoder Newsletter* from October 1989, that Bible states that it "belongs to John Schlabach in Datzebrod and I bought it from Jacob Yoder in 1821." Perhaps this was a common verse to write when a Bible passed from one owner to another.

There is also a touching prayer contained in the Bible:

*One early morning when I awoke I heard someone groaning and then I heard this prayer:*

*Dear God in Heaven, I wonder if you would answer my prayer. Talk to me from Heaven what thou wouldst have me to. Answer my prayer so that I might know what to do and tell the sick people. I thank you, God, that you have given me my health so that I can give health to the sick. I ask that my son live a consecrated and humble life. I ask that he be patient and thank God for His help. In humbleness, I thank you, God, for giving me this son, a dear child. Teach my son to take this to heart as these are the last words I am writing to him as a father. May he accept Christ and find rest in his soul as I have. Thank you again, God, that you have put my heart to rest and given me peace. But there is yet a lot to do to improve my religious life.*

Again, it is not clear which father and son are the subject of the above prayer. The Bible also contains a handwritten list of the Books of the Bible and other script which is difficult to make out because it is written in pencil.

From the port of New York, the Bible traveled to Somerset County, Pa., Holmes County, Ohio, LaGrange County, Indiana, McPherson County, Kansas, West Plains Mo. and Alfalfa County, Oklahoma, all in the space of one generation and undoubtedly by wagon. The Bible is currently in the possession of Marshall Yoder of Harrisonburg, Va., the great-great-great-great grandson of Samuel Yoder and great-great grandson Johannes Schlabach Jr. The above translations were painstakingly done by Gunter Knops of Frankfurt, Germany and some of the above information was provided by representatives of the Kaufmann Museum in Newton, Kansas.

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### ABE YODER REUNION

The bi-annual Abe Yoder (YR257182) reunion will be held June 8-10, 2007 at the Roxbury Campground in Roxbury, Pa. An Abe Yoder Family cookbook is in the works. For any questions about this reunion, contact Rachel Shetterly, 778 State St Millersburg, Pa. 17061 Email is [padutchgirl70@yahoo.com](mailto:padutchgirl70@yahoo.com). Her phone is 717-692-0390.

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#### YODER PASSINGS:

--- Harriet V. Yoder, 82, died May 15, 2006 at in her residence in Colebrookdale Township, Berks Co., Pa. Beloved wife of Yoder historian Richard H. Yoder.

--- Russell Aaron Yoder, 85, son of Aaron (YR12a3314) Yoder of Yoder, Oregon, died Feb. 8, 2006 in Clackamas County, Or. For detailed obituary, see: <http://www.smyrna-ucc.org/RussellYoder.htm>

--- Mabel D. Yoder, 101 (Aug. 5, 1904 - March 3, 2006) of Albany, formerly of Sheridan, Or. Died Friday at the Mennonite Home in Albany. She was born in Columbiana, Ohio, the daughter of Daniel D. (YR1253525) and Drusilla (Miller) Yoder. (See the story in the YNL44 of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday party and her visit to Disneyland which brought her the title "The Mennonite Mouseketter").

--- Martha Naomi Maust Yoder, 102 years, 7 months, and 15 days, of Grantsville, died Wednesday, March 29, 2006, at Meyersdale Hospital, Meyersdale, Pa. She was the widow of Alvin H. Yoder, who died Nov. 27, 1993. She leaves 6 sons, 3 daughters, 37 grandchildren; 71 great-grandchildren; and 15 great-great-grandchildren.

--- Fannie M. Yoder, 99, (YR253c218) of Lititz Pike, Pa. Daughter of Christ B. and Fannie (Kauffman) Yoder and w. of Jacob C. Yoder.

--- David S. Yoder, 85, died in Lancaster, May 7, 2006. Was son of Abraham and Laura Yoder.

--- Charles D. Yothers, 76, of Bedford, Pa. died Jan. 13, 2006 (YB21494211). He was the son of Ronald Baker and Catherine (Thomas) Yothers and was a long-time subscriber to the YNL.

--- May (Yoder) Vercler, age 98, (YR12732611) died February 23, 2006 at Eureka, IL

--- Dorothy Pauline Yoder, 93, died Apr. 3, 2006 at Irvins, Utah. Widow of Fred L. Yoder whose photos were featured in YNL44.

--- Mark B. Yoder, 76, (son of YR26113342) of Greenwood. Del. died Dec. 18, 2005

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### OLEY YODER HERITAGE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, July 15 the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Oley Yoder Reunion was held at the Fire House in Oley, PA. There were 33 in attendance most from the local area, however Barry Yoder traveled the greatest distance as he joined us from New York. Nancy Yoder greeted the family at the sign-in table with our guest book and a get-well card for committee member, Edna Dierolf, who was recuperating from a fall. Some of the attendees brought pictures, including a computer slide show, maps and information about their branch of the Yoder clan. The genealogy table, manned by Bob Keller was very busy, and information about the family DNA project was available to show the progress to date. Helen Newell had raffle tickets and Yoder memorabilia for sale. Molly Yoder devised table decorations to go along with our theme of Pennsylvania Canals, which included canals with cargo-laden boats, mules, and guest favors along the "towpath".

Our president, Joe Yoder, started the formal part of the day with announcements. He gave prizes to the oldest female, Grace Yoder, an amazing 88, and male, Col. Harry Yoder at 90! He also recognized the youngest attendees Amy Balderrama, 16 and Armando Rodriguez, 17. Joe then introduced Jim Newell to say grace. There was a buffet luncheon with desserts made by committee members. Lunch was followed by a talk on the Pennsylvania Canal System by expert, Glen Wenrich, vice president and director of the Pennsylvania Canal Society and volunteer guide at the Berks County Heritage Center. His narrative explained the vast extent of the canal system in the region

and details as to the operation of that network. He helped us see the major role that canals played not only in the foundation of transportation in northeastern United States, but also how they fomented the explosive growth of commerce in that region. Using reconditioned slides from the early 1900's, he also provided us with a rare glimpse of the canals and their place in Berks County, the people manning the locks, canal boats, and the repair crews. He invited all of us to visit the Canal Museum in Reading, Pa, which he declared (without boasting) to be the best one in the country.

The day ended with make-your-own sundaes and the drawing of tickets for the prizes on the raffle table. Everyone seemed to enjoy the day and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible next year. -- The Oley Yoder Heritage Association, Inc.

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### FULTON CO., OHIO YODER FAMILY



CHILDREN OF JOHN R. AND ANNA YODER - FRONT: ANNA (B.1874), JOHN Z. (B.1884), NOAH (B.1896), EMMA (B.1878), ELMER (B.1899), LYDIA (B.1873); BACK ROW (SATNDING): ROSE (B.1894), JOEL (B.1889), KATHERINE (B.1882), JOSEPH (B.1883), FANNIE (1887), LEAH (B.1891)- FROM BARBARA BRADLEY, TIPP CITY, OH

This picture presents some of the children of Fulton County, Ohio "double Yoders" John R. Yoder (YA242) (5/18/1851 WO- d 2/3/1907 Archibold, Oh) and his wife Anna Yoder (YA62). John and Anna both came from separate Alsatian Yoder lines. John's forebears were Christian Joder who m in 1816 to Barbara Schott at St. Jacob's Mennonite Ch., in Basel, Switzerland. Anna's ancestor was Michael Yoder b 1825 in France and married in 1849 to Francis Roth.

P.S. We are looking for Alsatian Yoder male line descendants to join the Yoder DNA Project—contact Chris Yoder at: [cnyder@tds.net](mailto:cnyder@tds.net)

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### HOW MANY YODERS?

The U. S. Census Bureau has a web site which gives information about surname populations from the 1990 census: <http://www.census.gov/genealogy/www/namesearch.html> . It shows the name "Yoder" is the 1118<sup>th</sup> most common in the U.S. and has a frequency of occurrence of .011% ( Based on the 2005 U.S. pop. estimate would mean that there are about 32,340 Yoders in the U.S.)

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### ALBERT YODER (YR235683) FAMILY REUNION

A Yoder reunion was held 7/15/06 at the Plymouth Church of Christ in Plymouth, Mi. 15 Yoder descendants attended from: Fl.; Oh.; and Mi.. Festivities began with dinner at the Roman Forum Restaurant and concluded Sunday evening. The video, "Pilgrimage of Faith, The Journey of an Anabaptist Family" was shown.